

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1 - 20 (actually claims 1-19 since claim 14 was erroneously numbered 15) as presented in the original or parent application (Ser. No. 09/695,336, filed 24 October 2000) were subject to restriction and the invention defined in original claims 1 - 8, identified as Group I by the Examiner, was elected for prosecution in the parent application.

A divisional application (Ser. No. 10/219,014, filed 08/14/2002) was filed and directed to the invention defined in claims 9 - 19, designated as Group II by the Examiner in restricting the inventions defined in the parent application, which parent application **was not** abandoned and has since been allowed as U.S. Patent No. 6,470,658.

Claims 9 - 19 presented in said divisional application Ser. No. 10/219,014, were subject to a further restriction, and the invention defined in claims 9 - 14, designated as Group I by the Examiner in restricting the inventions defined in the divisional case, were elected for prosecution in the divisional case, which is pending and **will not be** abandoned.

The accompanying divisional application and the present amendment are directed to changes to the specification, made by amendment to the above-identified divisional application, and to the non-elected invention set forth in claims 15-19 of the above-identified divisional application, which claims were originally presented in the above-identified parent application.

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